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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

SUBJECT

: Computer Center Relocation Proposal

REFERENCE

: Your memo dated 20 July 1973, Subject: Study on Utilities Support of Environmentally

Sensitive Equipment in the Headquarters

Building

1. Following upon several contacts between our offices on DC has the problems set forth in reference study, I am summarizing belowex the reactions of our Operations supervisors, which include observagations and cautions pertinent to any ultimate equipment relocation decisions.

2. The proposal identified several Computer Center problems, many of which flow from deficiencies in environmental PE conditions, but appears to have given undue weight to environmental HEB conditions in the solutions which it recommends.

3. Other alternative solutions are acknowledged in the study but these were not fully discussed. Before a decision, we believe that other solutions should be explored to permit comparison and a choice among alternate proposals.

4. Some equipment in the Computer Center is old and relocation entails risks to its stability and reliability. In addition, the time needed to remove this equipment would result in significant personnel costs to maintain reliable services during the transition. It is unclear whether the \$4.7 million estimated cost of relocation is adequate to cover such "risk" costs. We suggest that a detailed risk analysis be made.

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and other, are due to its location, but relocation should seek to resolve the problems as fully as possible and minimize the creation of new ones. The reference study is a good first step. Perhaps now is the time for representatives of the affected components to form a study group to flesh out alternatives and consider objectively risks and advantages. I would favor the use of an independent consultant to work with the group.

Acting Director of Joint Computer Support

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